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Schools hurt by salary raise: Board

EDUCATION The cost of giving Ontario's teachers a salary increase is forcing the province to cut back funding to schools for computers and textbooks, the chair of the Toronto District School Board charges.

John Campbell says cuts in the recent provincial budget have doubled the board's deficit for the upcoming school year, to \$28 million.

"Basically what they did was invest in education by providing school boards with salary increases and then they had to make reductions elsewhere," Campbell said.

However, an education ministry spokesperson said the salary increase — which is three per cent this year for most Ontario teachers — was a separate item earmarked outside of the provincial budget.

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Ottawa West-Nepean MP John Baird pets golden retrievers Matty and Jenna while visiting the Ottawa Humane Society to announce \$1.8 million in federal funding to build a new shelter yesterday.

Animal shelter gets \$1.8M

Feds boost funding to Humane Society

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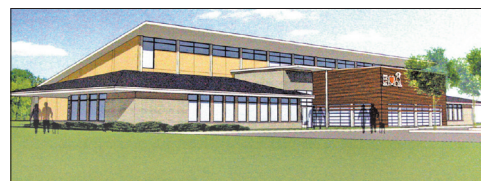
Ottawa's homeless animals will soon get a new home.

The federal government is giving the Ottawa Humane Society \$1.8 million to fund a new, state-of-the-art shelter and animal hospital, federal Minister of Transport and Infrastructure John Baird announced yesterday.

"Our goal was to raise all the money by the time we break ground," said Anna Silverman, manager of the Ottawa Humane Society building campaign. "We have enough now that we can certainly move full speed ahead."

The OHS requires \$12.5 million for the new facility. Prior to yesterday's announcement, only 56 per cent of the funding had been raised for the new facility that will be located on Hunt Club Road between Prince of Wales Drive and Merivale Road.

The current facility is in



The new Ottawa Humane Society, to be located on Hunt Club Road, will be more than twice the size of the current location.

desperate need of expansion and repair. While the facility used to treat about 2,500 animals per year, the need has risen to 11,000 per year. The old facility measures 15,000 square feet on 32,000 square feet of land and the new building is expected to measure more than twice the size at between 38,000 and 40,000 square feet.

"As anyone that visits our shelter knows, our 40-year-old shelter on Champagne Avenue is far too small and out of date to properly meet the needs of Ottawa's animals," said Bruce Roney, executive director of the OHS.

"Building a newer and bigger Ottawa Humane Society building will ... enable staff at the OHS to deliver even better care to abused

and abandoned animals," said Baird.

According to Baird, the funding is part of Canada's Economic Action Plan to provide close to \$12 billion in new infrastructure stimulus funding over two years. The OHS was chosen based on the fact that they were unable to proceed without funding, that there was no new money in the project, and the project would be complete by March 2011. The shelter didn't have a date for when ground will be broken.

"All three of the criteria they (the Ottawa Humane Society) met or exceeded," said Baird.

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Cops seek person of interest in sex assault

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sault that occurred in the Sandy Hill area last month.

Police said yesterday they continue to investigate a sexual assault that occurred on March 1 in the 100 block of Daly Avenue.

At around 7 a.m., a male

entered a residence and inappropriately touched a female who was sleeping, said Staff Sgt. John McGetrick with the Ottawa police sexual assault/child abuse unit.

A male captured



Person of interest

on video surveillance has been identified as a potential person of interest in the investigation, but that's not to say he is a suspect, said McGetrick.

"A person of in-

terest is someone we want to talk to," McGetrick said. "They could know something about a case."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Ottawa police at 613-236-1222 ext. 5477 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS).

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First Nations, Goodall join forces

Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine and renowned environmentalist Dr. Jane Goodall announce a new partnership in Ottawa today. The Jane Goodall Institute's Roots and Shoots global youth action program will be introduced to First Nations communities across the country. **METRO OTTAWA**

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Local



Enforcement officers seeing red

City of Ottawa's Integrated Road Safety Program laid 470 charges for failing to stop for red lights and following too closely last month. Through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, officers issued 410 tickets for red light running and 60 tickets for tailgating. The goal of the IRSP is to reduce traffic fatalities or serious injuries by 30 per cent by 2010.

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Two men charged in separate thefts

INVESTIGATIONS Two city men face charges in relation to two separate personal robberies.

Police said early Sunday, a lone male accosted a victim in the ByWard Market area and demanded cash.

The victim was assaulted and suffered minor injuries. Witnesses intervened and the perpetrator fled the scene in a vehicle.

Responding officers later arrested a suspect.

Ahmed Degady, 29, was charged with robbery, uttering threats, possessing a weapon, assault and breach of probation.

On April 9, police said an 83-year-old woman was pushed to the ground in the area of Carling Avenue and Grenon Avenue. A man stole her personal effects, but she was not injured. Patrol officers later arrested and charged Abdifatah, 27, Aden with robbery and assaulting a police officer with the intent to resist arrest.

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Video Prime Minister Stephen Harper tours flood-ravaged Manitoba at metronews.ca/canada

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Hospitals get hands-on

Handwashing to be monitored as part of new safety initiative

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Ottawa Hospital staff are getting even more stringent with their handwashing practices as a part of a new patient safety initiative by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

On April 30, the province will be implementing the last four public safety indicators as a part of a May 2008 initiative to report on eight safety indicators.

The Ottawa Hospital will be one of 228 sites across the province reporting the instance of handwashing and cleaning as of April 30.

"One hundred per cent of the hospitals in the province signed up for this," said Dr. Michael Baker, executive lead for patient safety for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, who announced the details of the public reporting at the Ottawa Hospital yesterday.

Hospitals are asked to report the instances that their staff — from front-line workers to senior management to housekeeping staff — clean their hands before and after going into a patient care area.

"It sounds like a simple thing to do," said Baker, adding that a busy nurse might clean their hands 200 times a day.

It's not that workers



Dr. Michael Baker, executive lead for patient safety for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, speaks on the patient safety initiatives at the Ottawa Hospital yesterday.

aren't cleaning their hands now, said Baker.

"It's just we're implementing the highest standards possible."

Hospital staff, trained by the Ministry of Health to be auditors, will note who cleans their hands as they walk in and out of a patient area, said Linda Hunter, director of quality and patient safety for the Ottawa Hospital.

This is a widely accepted

method of compiling information, said Hunter.

Because the people commenting the stats work out of the same unit as the people they are evaluating, "they will become part of the background," said Hunter.

Because of the length of time it takes to compile the information and to change behaviours, the numbers for hand hygiene will be reported once a

year, Baker said.

The goal is to see what every one of the 228 acute care facilities is reporting on April 30 and then to improve the numbers by next year.

"We just want to see an improvement over time," said Dr. Gary Garber, chairman of the Ottawa Hospital Corporate Infection Control Committee.

The other indicators to be publicly reported include central line infections, ventilator-associated pneumonia and surgical site infection.

"One hundred per cent of the hospitals in the province signed up for this."

Dr. Michael Baker

City study examining use of 'cold energy' to reduce air conditioning costs

PROJECT Those mountains of snow melting at dumps around the city might be good for something after all.

The city is examining the possibility of using a cost-effective "cold energy" snow cooling system to replace air conditioning in its largest cooled building at

100 Constellation Cres.

Robert Vaillancourt, the city's manager of design and construction for buildings and parks, said the economics of the technology would not make it feasible for most buildings in the city.

The city's study would de-

termine what technologies already on the marketplace could be applied to reduce the cooling costs.

"That is where the snow dumps become of interest," he said. "They represent a huge resource of cold energy."

The largest limitation on

using snow dumps are that they are usually placed far from the users and taking cold energy from snow dumps requires a huge storage space.

Mostly likely, he said the city's pilot project would use "ice ball technology" that would en-

able it to freeze at temperatures above zero, so it freezes at night and cools during the day.

Dr. Fred Michel, director of the Institute of Environmental Science at Carleton University, said the technology is still in its early stages.

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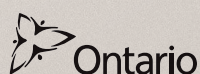
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Build Our Bank benefit helps GBLT community
Proceeds from The Village's Build Our Bank benefit last night will go toward buying signage to help make Bank Street a more visible GBLT community. **METRO OTTAWA**

Exhibit on tour

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Itinerary

- The tour begins April 24 in Hanover, Germany, moves to Osaka, Japan, in September and ends in Mexico City in early 2010.

An exhibit featuring some of the Canadian Museum of Civilization's finest Canadian Aboriginal works will teach people around the world about Aboriginal culture when it tours internationally this month.

Featuring 150 prized objects from the museum's collections, First Peoples of Canada: Masterworks from the Canadian Museum of Civilization will be making

stops in Germany, Japan and Mexico.

The exhibit will introduce new audiences to "the historic and contemporary cultures of Canada's Aboriginal peoples," said Dr. Victor Rabinovitch, president and CEO of the Canadian Museum of Civilization

Corporation.

"The exhibition will inform new audiences about the continuing strength of Canada's Aboriginal cultures, and the First Peoples' enduring relationship to the land," he said.

Representing Aboriginal cultures from across Canada, artifacts range from a stone projectile point dating back 10,000 years to a fur dance parka, circa 2002-03. Other pieces include feathered headdresses, ceramic pots, ivory snow goggles, silver spoons, and a birchbark canoe.

Grant helps Arts Ottawa East to launch interactive website

ARTS A \$25,500 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant has helped Arts Ottawa East to promote arts and artists in the capital with a new interactive website.

"In supporting AOE in this project, OTF is in fact supporting hundreds of local artists," said AOE executive director Christine

Tremblay.

A not-for-profit community arts council dedicated to promoting, supporting and developing the practice and appreciation of the arts, Arts Ottawa East helps both organizations and individuals.

The site goes live tomorrow at www.artsoe.ca.

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News in brief

MUSIC Jazz lovers have something to sing about after the announcement of the 2009 lineup for the Ottawa International Jazz Festival last week. Popular musicians including the legendary R&B singer Al Green and trumpeter Chris Botti are making appearances along with more than 800 musicians in more than 160 concerts. The festival runs for 11 days from June 25 to July 5.

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Police release tape in missing girl case

Police in southwestern Ontario have released a video clip that may help identify a woman who led a missing Woodstock, Ont., girl away from her school six days ago. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Canada

Spies target Canada

Commercial, industrial secrets valued: CSIS

Foreign nations have stepped up their efforts to infiltrate Canada and steal valuable industrial, military and commercial secrets, the Canadian spy agency says in its latest annual report.

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) also expressed concern about foreign interference in the country's domestic affairs, given Canada's multicultural makeup and large immigrant communities.

The report for the year 2007-2008 was quietly posted on the agency's website earlier this month with no publicity. No one at the agency was immedi-

Chinese espionage

In 2006, the Conservative government announced it was very worried by the extent of Chinese industrial espionage. Beijing dismissed the charge

as baseless. In 2005, a Chinese defector alleged Beijing had more than 1,000 spies in Canada to keep an eye on the large expatriate community.

ately available for comment.

"Foreign espionage — the primary preoccupation of intelligence agencies right up until the 1990s — continued unabated after (the) 9-11 (attacks on the United States). It is in fact growing and becoming even more sophisticated and aggressive through the application of new technologies," the report said.

Foreign spies are interested in sectors such as agriculture, biotechnology, communications, oil exploitation, mining, aerospace and control systems engineering, it said.

CSIS also noted that Canada — as a member of NATO and the signatory to numerous defense agreements — had access to military technologies through its allies.

REUTERS

Ottawa ready to help out: PM

FLOODING While Prime Minister Stephen Harper flew over an area of southern Manitoba threatened by the rising Red River yesterday, the province's flood forecasters predicted crests expected at the end of the week could be the second or third highest on record in some areas.

Forecasters said the crest just south of the Winnipeg floodway inlet would likely exceed 1979 levels by 15.25 centimetres, and that overland flooding was inundating roads and properties never flooded before.

After touring the Morris, Man., area in a helicopter, Harper said that the government would help out in any way it could.

"The federal government stands ready to assist in any way that is needed ... as the situation unfolds," he said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



An aerial view of a house surrounded by water during spring flooding of the Red River near Morris, Man., yesterday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper toured the flooding south of Winnipeg.

Bomb kills soldier, wounds 4

DEATH A young woman Canadian soldier was killed Monday in southern Afghanistan and four other soldiers were wounded when their armoured vehicle hit a roadside bomb, the military said yesterday.

Karine Blais, 21, was the second female soldier from Canada

to die on active duty in Afghanistan. The first was killed in 2006.



Canada has now lost 117 soldiers since first deploying troops to Afghanistan in late 2002.

About 2,800 Canadian soldiers are based in the southern city of Kandahar on a mission that is due to end in 2011. **REUTERS**

Casualties of war

Here are figures for foreign military deaths as a result of violence or accidents in Afghanistan since 2001:

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- Britain: 152
- U.S.: 677
- France: 27
- Germany: 30
- Spain: 25
- Netherlands: 18

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People who smoke both tobacco and marijuana may have a particularly high risk of developing chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, according to a new study published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. **REUTERS**

News in brief

CHARGES A 53-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman are accused of molesting a boy at a Township of King nudist park

in the 1990s. York Region police said the victim became acquainted with the pair and was sexually abused from the age

of six to 12, from 1992 to 1998. The suspects were arrested last Thursday in Innisfill, Ont.

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Men with money were once boys with dreams. Which appears to explain why many dozens of them will defy a recession to defy gravity.

Virgin Galactic, the suborbital subsidiary of audacious tycoon Richard Branson's Virgin Group, sells trips to space to non-astronaut folk for \$200,000 US. Fancy-pants rocket notwithstanding, Virgin is not immune to that strong downward pull: sales slowed significantly in 2008, "head of astronaut sales" Carolyn Wincer said yesterday in Toronto.

But only a small handful of the 300-odd people who have made refundable deposits of between \$20,000 and the full \$200,000 have asked for their money back, Wincer said.

The \$200,000 buys a two-

hour flight that includes four minutes of weightless floating.

Several other companies, including the DreamSpace of Toronto's Brian Feeney, plan to take tourists into space in the next three to five years. Arizona's RocketShip Tours offers a price of \$95,000.

But deep-pocketed Virgin will almost certainly launch first. Richard Laronde, a Virgin Galactic customer, is eager to go.

"I'm excited," he said. "Let's get moving. Let's go to space."

He will have to wait. When Branson announced the Virgin Galactic venture in 2004, he said the suborbital joy rides might begin in 2008. Delays have pushed the launch date to 2010 at the earliest, more likely 2011.

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Canadian sailors contact pirates

SOMALIA Canadian sailors made rare and fleeting contact with their pirate foes after responding to a hijacked ship off the coast of Somalia, said senior officials involved in a NATO anti-piracy mission.

Two vessels were successfully taken over yesterday by Somali pirates, while another attack carried out with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons was ultimately unsuccessful.

HMCS Winnipeg was on escort duty in the Gulf of Aden, off the northern Somali coast, around midnight when word first came that a Greek-owned vessel, the MV Irene E.M., was under sneak attack from a band of pirates.

At first light the Canadian frigate sent out its Sea King helicopter to locate the hijacked ship. That's when the Canadians made radio contact with the pirates, who said they had taken the ship. The Sea King continued to track the Greek ship from a distance before handing off observation duties to a European Union ship on patrol in the region.

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Sharia law imposed in Pakistan's Swat valley to appease Taliban

Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari, under pressure from conservatives, has signed a regulation imposing Islamic law in the northwestern Swat valley as part of a deal to end Taliban violence. Critics say the move shows a lack of capacity and lack of will to fight the Taliban and al Qaeda. **REUTERS**

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World



Saudi police unravel hoax

Saudi police are investigating a hoax that had hundreds of people believing old sewing machines may bring fortune because they contained an elusive, and probably mythical, substance known as red mercury. Some buyers were willing to pay up to 200,000 riyals (\$65,000) for an old Singer sewing machine 'proven' to contain red mercury. **REUTERS**

Shops burned after funeral of executed men

SUDAN A crowd of angry demonstrators burnt shops and cars in a local market in the south of Khartoum, residents said yesterday, a day after nine Darfuri men were executed.

Some 5,000 people turned out under a heavy police presence to attend the funerals of the nine men, who were found guilty of killing a newspaper editor in 2006.

A small number of the demonstrators damaged property on the way to the funerals, witnesses said. At least three shops and 10 cars were destroyed.

The killing of Mohamed Taha Mohamed Ahmed and the subsequent trial was sensitive for the government, which initially restricted reporting to state media. **REUTERS**

News in brief

GEORGIA Russian cluster bombs killed at least 12 Georgian civilians and wounded at least 38 in the war between the two former Soviet states last August, Human Rights Watch said yesterday. The U.S.-based body said Georgia had also illegally used the weapon.

SPACE Iran plans to send a bigger satellite into space on a rocket with a range of up to 1,500 kilometres, officials said yesterday. Iran first launched a domestic satellite in February, worrying Western powers, which fear the country is seeking to build a nuclear bomb and missile delivery systems.

TURKEY Police arrested some 50 Kurdish politicians and activists yesterday on suspicion of ties to an illegal separatist group, in the latest crackdown on the country's only legal Kurdish party. Police carried out 27 raids in nine cities nationwide. **REUTERS**

France seeks to end forced marriage

France launched a new campaign to warn potential victims of forced marriages and female genital mutilation yesterday, with stark posters and booklets showing a wedding ring made of barbed wire.

France is home to an estimated 55,000 victims of female genital mutilation, mostly of African origin, and some 70,000 young women who are at risk of being forced into mar-

riage, government officials said at a news conference.

In a struggle to protect human rights while respecting immigrant communities, European governments have ramped up efforts to protect young women of Asian, Middle Eastern or African descent who are lured abroad and married off.

Victims of genital mutilation are often children of primary school age sub-

Saudi regulation

• Saudi Arabia plans to regulate but not abolish the marriages of young girls, its justice minister was quoted as saying yesterday, after a court refused to nullify the marriage of an 8-year-old to a man 50 years her senior.

jected to the ordeal during family holidays, activists said.

France plans to distribute more than 100,000 booklets providing legal and medical advice and contacts for victims, doctors, teachers and social workers.

A booklet with a crossed-out razor blade warned of the potentially lethal impact of genital mutilation, during which the clitoris and other parts of the vagina are removed.

"The booklets are useful

for people who can read and write, but the majority of parents I talk to are illiterate," Khady Koita, head of the European network against female genital mutilation, told Reuters.

Koita uses videos and drawings to show parents the dangers of the operation, which is meant to ensure a woman's chastity and improve her chances of finding a husband.

REUTERS

Mexico Extraordinary seizure



Mexican federal police present weapons and ammunition along with Anahi Beltran, 20, whom they arrested during their seizure, in Mexico City yesterday. Beltran was caught near the U.S. border allegedly guarding an extraordinary arsenal of weapons — including an antiaircraft gun, the first of its kind seized in Mexico — allegedly belonging to the powerful Beltran Leyva drug cartel.

N. Korea orders nuclear watchdogs out

PYONGYANG North Korea yesterday ordered International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors out of the country and said it would resume making bomb-grade plutonium, the UN nuclear watchdog said.

Pyongyang acted after declaring it would leave six-party talks on completing nuclear disarmament

in the country and reactivate its nuclear weapons plant in response to a UN rebuke over its launching of a long-range rocket.

An IAEA spokesman said the small inspection team had been ordered out of the country "at the earliest possible time." This was expected to happen on Thursday, a senior diplomat close to the IAEA told

Reuters. Nuclear experts have said North Korea could have the plant up and running again in as little as three months.

Pyongyang had evicted monitors from the plant last September, only to readmit them in October after a deal with the U.S. finessed disputes over steps to verify the denuclearization process. **REUTERS**

Somali pirates seize two ships, attack two more

INDIAN OCEAN Somali pirates hijacked two more cargo vessels and attempted to hijack two more yesterday, showing a determination to keep striking at shipping vessels in the region.

The capture of the Greek-owned MV Irene E.M. and Togo-flagged MV Sea Horse showed pirates have not been deterred by two raids in recent days in which U.S. and French forces killed five pirates.

NATO said a Portuguese warship received a pre-dawn distress call from the Irene E.M. The East African Seafarers' Assistance Programme said the ship's 22

Filipino crew members were all unharmed.

Hours later, NATO officials on the Corte-Real said the MV Sea Horse had been seized about 143 kilometres off Somalia by pirates on board three or four skiffs, they said.

Pirates yesterday attacked a U.S.-flagged merchant ship, an unidentified NATO source said, but were unable to board the craft.

Earlier yesterday, the Liberian-flagged Safmarine Asia was attacked with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, but the ship was able to escape safely. **REUTERS**

Thai protests end, warrants out for pro-Thaksin leaders

BANGKOK Thai anti-government protesters surrendered yesterday, giving the prime minister some breathing space to try to fix the declining economy.

"We need to look after the lives of our supporters," said Jatuporn Prompan, a protest leader.

The government extended the New Year's holiday for the rest of the week in case the red-shirted pro-

testers loyal to former premier Thaksin Shinawatra regroup and come back to the capital.

Police said arrest warrants have been issued for Thaksin and 13 other pro-Thaksin leaders for violating a state of emergency, which forbids more than five people gathering for political reasons.

Four of them were already in custody. **REUTERS**



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U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday that pre-emptively taking over troubled banks would end up costing taxpayers more money and undermining already shaky confidence. He dismissed criticism that his refusal to nationalize banks was another example of Washington "coddling Wall Street." **REUTERS**

Obama says taking over banks would be costlier

Accused Nazi granted stay

89-year-old man faces charges in deaths of 29,000 Jews

A U.S. appeals court yesterday granted a stay to accused Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk in a ruling that acknowledged the prospect of his imminent deportation to Germany by U.S. authorities.

The ruling came hours after U.S. agents took Demjanjuk from his Ohio home to deport him to Germany, where he faces charges in the deaths of 29,000 Jews.

Demjanjuk's son petitioned the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati to consider whether deporting his 89-year-old father to Munich amounted to torture because of his frail health. Demjanjuk was removed from his home in a wheelchair.

U.S. prosecutors said the court lacked jurisdiction, which two appeals court



John Demjanjuk is removed by immigration agents to a waiting van from his Ohio home yesterday.

judges said was an issue it needed to consider before lifting the stay.

"Because it is our understanding that the govern-

ment may remove the petitioner later today, we are compelled to rule on the motion for a stay prior to addressing the jurisdic-

tional concerns raised by the government," the court said in a two-page ruling.

REUTERS

More illegal migrants to U.S. raising kids in poverty: Study

FINDINGS A growing number of illegal immigrants are having children in the United States and raising them in poverty, a study released yesterday showed.

The survey by the Pew Hispanic Center, based on U.S. Census Bureau figures, found that the number of U.S.-born children of unauthorized migrants grew to four million in 2008, up from 2.7 million five years earlier.

It found that a third of the children of unauthorized immigrants and a fifth of adult unauthorized immigrants live in poverty — nearly double the poverty rate for children of U.S.-born parents.

Reform

- U.S. President Barack Obama has pledged to push comprehensive immigration reform, including tougher border controls and a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants.

The study found that the median household income of unauthorized immigrants was \$36,000 US in 2007, well below the \$50,000 median household income for U.S.-born residents.

Around 11.9 million mostly Hispanic illegal immigrants live and work in the United States.

REUTERS

Bolivian electoral law approved

LEGISLATION Bolivia's congress approved a controversial electoral law yesterday after leftist President Evo Morales went on a hunger strike for nearly five days to protest against opposition lawmakers blocking the bill.

The law sets presidential

and congressional elections for Dec. 6, assigns some congressional seats to indigenous areas where Morales is popular and allows Bolivian expatriates to vote for the first time.

The opposition says the bill gives Morales an unfair advantage.

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News in brief

KYRGYZSTAN The interior ministry says a Kyrgyz member of parliament was shot dead by unknown assailants yesterday

in the capital of the Central Asian state, where tensions are growing between the president and the opposition.

STALKING A judge yesterday extended a stay-away order for three years against a Florida man who was arrested and

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Migratory birds face longer flights due to climate change

Some European birds will have to fly further as global warming shifts their breeding grounds northwards in the biggest challenge to the tiny migrants since the Ice Age. **REUTERS**

Egypt ups security on Israeli border

Egypt is beefing up security on its border with Israel to prevent illegal crossings after detaining a group Cairo said were linked to Hezbollah, an enemy of the Jewish state, security sources said yesterday.

Egypt is holding 25 Egyptian, Palestinian, Sudanese and Lebanese men linked to Lebanon's Shi'ite Hezbollah group and has said they were planning attacks in Egypt, according to a statement from the public prosecutor's office.

Hezbollah, which has accused Egypt of failing to help Palestinians in Gaza, claims one of its members was detained and he was

More arrests?

• Security sources said police were combing Sinai in search of men wanted in connection with the detained group, focusing on the mountainous areas frequented by smugglers.

being helped by up to 10 others. Hezbollah said the group aimed to send military supplies to Gaza, not target Egypt.

The arrests have been accompanied by a barrage of criticism of Hezbollah by newspapers in Egypt, which is majority Sunni and the first Arab state to

sign a peace treaty with Israel.

A lawyer for some of the men, Abdel Moniem Abdel Maqoud, said that one of his clients told investigators he had been involved in assisting Palestinians planning to infiltrate Israel to carry out attacks.

Egypt's Sinai Peninsula is a popular tourist destination for Israelis and Egyptian media have suggested the group aimed to target resorts frequented by Israelis.

Israeli newspapers said the Israeli army also planned to boost border security but a military spokesman would not confirm this. **REUTERS**

France Kidnapping accusations



Elise, 3, the daughter of Jean-Michel Andre, rests her head on the shoulder of the lawyer before a news conference yesterday. Andre has accused Irina Belenkaya, the mother of Elise, of organizing the kidnapping of their daughter.

Cuba will not beg: Castro

HAVANA Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro complained yesterday that the U.S. had done nothing to end its trade embargo against Cuba and vowed that the communist-led island would not beg for it to be lifted.

Castro's words, published in a column in state-run media, were the first official Cuban response to measures announced by President Barack Obama on Monday lifting restrictions on Cuban American family travel and remittances to Cuba.

Castro described the 47-year-old embargo against his country as a form of "genocide." **REUTERS**

News in brief

CONTEST Organizers of the X Prize, who have set up contests for space travel, DNA research and super-efficient cars, said they are offering \$10 million to the winner of a contest to transform the health care of a small U.S. community.

MOSCOW Russian ecology official Oleg Mitvol, known for his high-profile attacks on Western resource companies, is leaving his job to run an environmental movement seeking representation on Russian city governments. **REUTERS**

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TransPLAN 2009 TransPLAN is our annual plan to improve transit service. The routing change proposals are based on evolving travel needs and are adjusted following consultation and feedback from customers.

Proposals

The routes affected by this year's proposals include:

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- in Chapel Hill South and Blackburn Hamlet: 23, 25, 125, 128
- in the east: 24, 29, 124, 129
- in the west: 15, 16, 18, 50, 51, 55, 59, 156, 166, 172, 178, 182
- in the south: 40, 45, 144, 145.

Goals for the year 2009:

- Develop a service plan for the four new Park & Ride lots in Riverside South (Riverview and Leirtrim) and Orléans (Chapel Hill and Millennium).
- Develop and improve service to growing communities in Riverside South, Blossom Park and Orléans.
- Improve transit flow on Albert and Slater Streets by reducing the number of routes that provide direct commuter service to and from downtown.
- Improve productivity by combining similar routes, which would avoid duplication of service and reduce overall costs.

Some of the proposed changes would add a transfer for customers travelling to and from downtown. While some customers would be inconvenienced, all customers would benefit from better service reliability and reduced pressure for increases on taxes and transit fares.

Details and maps of the proposals can be found at www.octranspo.com. Please take some time to review the proposals and send us your feedback. If you don't have internet access and would like more information, please call 613-741-4390.

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Your comments are important as the proposals are developed into the final approved plan. Route changes would be implemented in September 2009, or later in some cases once new roads are available or communities have developed.

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Why are cops camera-shy?

Incidents of seized photos, videos should be alarming

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A policeman's lot is not a happy one. Gilbert and Sullivan got that right. On the one hand, we expect the thin blue security blanket will keep our streets and homes safe, and maybe that expectation is unrealistic, considering all the sharks and other predators on the prowl these days.

On the other, we depend on police to model saint-like behaviour as they try to control crime, and whenever they go over the line or even come close to it, we all shriek in unison: "police brutality."

As often as not, they go to all that trouble to arrest and charge the bad guys, who just laugh because they know some soft judge will put them back on the

street to prey and prey again.

But whatever happens, we should be able to count on the boys and girls in blue to tell the good guys from the bad guys. Here in Vancouver, that's not a sure

manhandled a citizen and journalist and confiscated his property, even though the photographer had broken no laws and the officer had no warrant and had not made an arrest. The officer simply took the law into his own hands.

Coming after a number of high-profile incidents of police in Vancouver, er, upholding the law with extreme prejudice, including an all too similar incident when police seized the cellphone of a man

crime of brandishing a stapler, then tried to confiscate the cellphone video evidence after the event. But it was too late. That video now stands as tragic witness to police allegedly abusing their power.

Apparently, police are having trouble deciding which threat to pursue, law breakers or picture takers. Surely they know now that everyone over the age of four has a camera phone, it's useless to try to stamp out video evidence. As in the Jason Payne case, there's always a backup citizen journalist in the crowd.

So the police might as well just do their

thing.

Exhibit A: A recent photograph of newspaper photographer Jason Payne held in an armlock by a Vancouver police officer who was trying, successfully it turned out, to seize his camera. Police said the officer thought the camera captured evidence of police officers shooting a man inside a stolen truck boxed in by police.

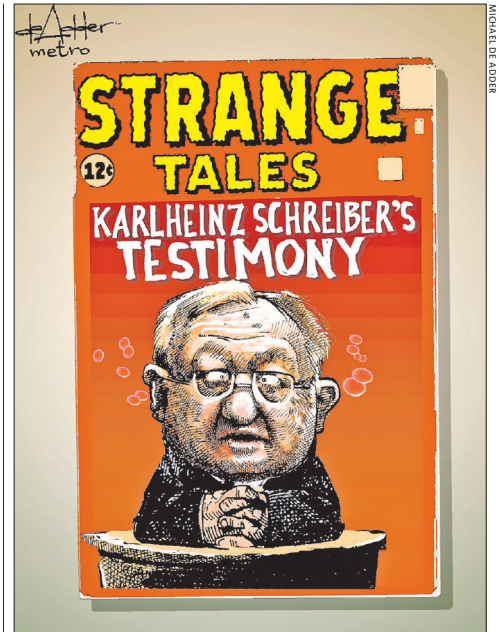
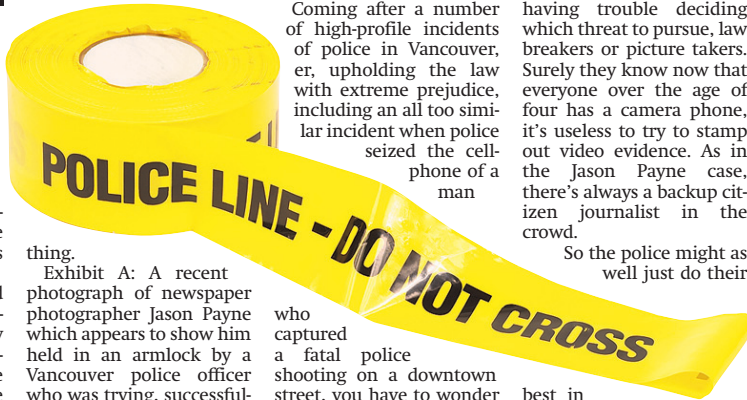
To be clear: the officer

who captured a fatal police shooting on a downtown street, you have to wonder what it is about a camera that brings out the worst in our city's finest.

Then, of course, there's the infamous Dziekanski incident, in which RCMP officers Tasered a confused Polish traveller for the

best in the full light of day. Then they never have to worry about who's photographing whom.

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Letters

Euro comparison flawed

Re: *Reforming health care means reforming illusions*

Although we agree with Dr. Keith Martin, member of Parliament from B.C., that Canadian health care needs to be improved, there is no evidence to support his assertion that more private competition is the best solution. In fact, Europe has produced much evidence to the contrary.

Governments in Canada spend less on health care than most European countries. Dr. Martin's comment that Canada spends more on health care than the average European country, although true, is misleading because the private sector in Canada spends more on health care than in many European countries according to the OECD.

Dr. Martin glosses over debates raging in many European countries about the integration of private and public services. For example, in one of France's national newspapers, three doctors recently pointed out that increased competition in the hospital sector has re-

sulted in exorbitant extra-billing. According to a French official equivalent to our auditor general, the extra-billing has reached €2 billion (\$3.3 billion) a year. Documents filed by the government of British Columbia during the court case with owners of private for-profit clinics reveal that extra-billing will also be part of Canada's future if there is increased private-sector involvement in health care.

We all know that Canadian health care is far from perfect. Dr. Martin is right to push for change, but we strongly disagree with his prescription. The evidence in Canada, Europe and the United States shows that it is within the publicly funded, not-for-profit health system that Canadians get the best value for money. Let's stick with evidence-based solutions that will benefit all Canadians, not just those who can afford to pay.

LINDA SILAS, PRESIDENT, CANADIAN FEDERATION OF NURSES UNIONS, KAAREN NEUFELD, PRESIDENT CANADIAN NURSES ASSOCIATION FOR NURSES FOR MEDICARE, AND DR. DANIELLE MARTIN, CHAIR, CANADIAN DOCTORS FOR MEDICARE

Word on the street: Twitter, Facebook or MySpace: Which do you prefer and why?

Greg Murphy

age 20, Ottawa

A: Facebook. MySpace is kind of cluttered. At least Facebook was clean and simple at the beginning.

Zoe Corkery

age 16, Ottawa

A: Facebook. Everyone has it and everyone uses it.

Celeste Corkery

age 21, Ottawa

A: Facebook. It's the only one that I know how to use.

Krystal St. Laurent

age 20, Ottawa

A: I use Facebook because it's the best for creeping people who ask you out.

Sara Tchoryk

age 24, Montreal

A: I only use Facebook. I've never been on the other ones.

Vincent Goreham

age 24, Halifax

A: The only one I use is Facebook. I don't have a smartphone for Twitter. The only time I use MySpace is to check out bands.



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Vale Inco begins work on nickel processing plant

Despite the global economic chill, mining giant Vale Inco is pushing ahead with a \$2.2-billion plan to build a nickel processing plant in southern Newfoundland. Work on the Long Harbour site formally started Monday, launching a four-year construction plan that will need a peak of 1,600 workers by 2011. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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New York **Waiting and hoping**

Trading specialist John Cetera of Hamilton Executions LLC works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange yesterday.

Rescue is working: Obama

But U.S. data on falling retail sales cause stocks to drop

U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday his economic measures were starting to work, but government data showed an unexpected 1.1 per cent drop in U.S. retail sales in March and U.S. stocks re-treated sharply.

Goldman Sachs sold \$5 billion US of stock, a day after the bank sparked confidence by beating forecasts with its first-quarter profit, saying it wanted to pay back \$10 billion in government bailout money it does not need.

But a source said the U.S.

Bernanke hopeful

U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said yesterday the latest figures on housing and consumer spending suggest a rapid contraction in the economy could be easing.

Treasury was worried Goldman's repayment could make other banks appear weak.

In Europe, disappointing earnings for Dutch electronics giant Philips added to evidence the recession was still taking its toll, while Swiss bank UBS was set to cut more jobs.

Obama said moves to re-capitalise banks, strengthen the housing market and rescue the auto sector were "necessary pieces of the recovery puzzle."

"And taken together, these actions are starting to generate signs of economic progress," he said.

But White House economic adviser Christina Romer said the economy was still contracting.

"We know the economy's still sick," Romer told NBC television.

U.S. stocks were around two per cent lower as the poor numbers for retail sales and producer prices offset better-than-expected quarterly results from health-care group Johnson & Johnson.

Outside the United States, shares rose on the Goldman Sachs results despite the weak U.S. data.

REUTERS

Ontario energy-purchase program facing doubts

INDUSTRY How serious is the Ontario government about creating 50,000 green-collar jobs within the next three years?

That's the question many power developers are asking now that details of a proposed green-energy purchase program are beginning to emerge. They say the program's draft rules make unrealistic assumptions about the cost of financing projects and stray too far from the European model it's attempting to emulate.

The Ontario Power Authority, which is designing

the program, assures that nothing is written in stone yet and that they're open to constructive feedback.

The agency announced in March that its feed-in tariff program, called FIT, would pay generous premiums to renewable-energy developers who agree to sell their power to the province under 20-year contracts.

By offering a fixed rate or tariff, the idea is to create certainty that will attract investment and jobs, an approach that has worked well in Europe.

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Business in brief

TELECOM Telus Corp., Canada's No. 2 phone company, plans to spend more than \$700 million this year on building telecom infrastructure in Alberta, the

company said yesterday. Telus said that spending will focus mostly on advanced wireless and wireline broadband technology.

MEDIA Canwest Global Communications Corp. yesterday announced yet another extension to lender talks until April 21, just as Moody's Investors

Service downgraded Canwest Media Inc. and said it's unlikely the firm will repay the \$30.4 million US in interest that is still due. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Boston Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett has been suspended six games and fined by Major League Baseball for intentionally throwing near the head of the Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu last week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Zeke gets another coaching gig

Former Toronto Raptors VP and New York Knicks president and coach Isiah Thomas was hired by Florida International University yesterday to coach their men's basketball team. The Knicks finished 23-59 a year ago, prompting Thomas' firing. They never won a playoff game in his stay as president or coach, and his overall record in New York was 56-108.

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Islanders win draft lottery

NHL The New York Islanders won the NHL's draft lottery last night and will have the top selection in Montreal on June 26. It appears that they'll have to choose between highly touted centre John Tavares and Swedish defenceman Victor Hedman. Under the lottery system, only the five teams with the fewest points had the chance to win the first overall selection. No team could have moved up more than four spots, and no team could have slid backward more than one. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

NHL Draft lottery Last night's results

1. New York Islanders
2. Tampa Bay Lightning
3. Colorado Avalanche
4. Atlanta Thrashers
5. Los Angeles Kings
6. Phoenix Coyotes
7. Toronto Maple Leafs
8. Dallas Stars
9. Ottawa Senators
10. Edmonton Oilers
11. Nashville Predators
12. Minnesota Wild
13. Buffalo Sabres
14. Florida Panthers

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Montreal at Boston
Columbus at Detroit
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Anaheim at San Jose

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Wings looking to give Motown a boost

The Detroit Red Wings will try to give Motor City spirits another boost when they launch the defence of their Stanley Cup crown tomorrow against the Columbus Blue Jackets.

The Red Wings' march to the Stanley Cup last year provided one of the few feel-good moments for the battered city and another championship parade would no doubt help lift the mood of Detroiters, who are at ground zero of an economic meltdown that has crippled the auto industry and sent unemployment soaring.

While the NHL set an overall attendance record for the fourth consecutive season with close to 21.5 million fans passing through the turnstiles, the Red Wings have felt the bite of the recession. Even in the city known as Hockeytown USA sellouts are no longer guaranteed and the

STANLEY CUP 2009 Playoffs

champions are bracing for the possibility of empty seats at Joe Louis Arena as they bid to become the first team to win back-to-back Cups since the same Wings did it in 1997 and 1998.

A Stanley Cup run is something Red Wings fans have come to expect with Detroit in the playoffs for an 18th consecutive year.

But it will be a new experience for first round oppo-

Many pundits would argue that any hope of bringing the Stanley Cup back to Canada rests on the shoulders of Roberto Luongo.

Draper hurt

- Detroit Red Wings forward Kris Draper will miss the first two games of the playoffs with an upper-body injury.

nents the Blue Jackets, who will be making their first playoff appearance since joining the league nine years ago.

In the last 40 years, only two teams have reached the



Stanley Cup finals in their first trip to the post-season and if the Blue Jackets are to join them it will largely depend on the play of brilliant rookie netminder Steve Mason, who led the league with 10 shutouts.

Canada's hopes

The Montreal Canadiens, Calgary and Vancouver will carry the hopes of Canadians as they try to bring the Cup back to the Great White North for the first time since 1993.

A 25th Stanley Cup would erase what has been a tumultuous centennial season for the Canadiens, who have seen the team put up for sale and survived a mid-season coaching change.

The Canadiens will face off against the Eastern conference top seed Boston Bruins in the opening round, rekindling one of the NHL's oldest and most fierce rivalries. **REUTERS**

STANLEY CUP PICKS

Adam Proteau

The Hockey News

San Jose over Philadelphia
Conn Smythe Winner: Dan Boyle

Brian Costello

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Detroit over Pittsburgh
Conn Smythe Winner: Pavel Datsyuk

John Chick

Metro sports editor

San Jose over New Jersey
Conn Smythe Winner: Joe Thornton

Champions League Chelsea, Barcelona advance



Didier Drogba of Chelsea celebrates after tying Liverpool 4-4 in a Champions League Quarter Final Second Leg yesterday. Liverpool was ousted 7-5 on aggregate, and two-time champion Barcelona advanced past Bayern Munich after a 1-1 draw. Chelsea now meets Barca in the semis.

Oscar De La Hoya hangs up the gloves

BOXING Former boxing champion Oscar De La Hoya announced his retirement yesterday.

The 36-year-old "Golden Boy" last appeared in the ring against Manny Pacquiao on Dec. 6, but was battered in an eight-round lopsided loss. De La Hoya suffered a bruised left eye in the eighth and his corner decided to not let him continue.

De La Hoya, a 10-time champion in six different weight classes, ends his brilliant career with a 39-6-0 record with 30 of the



De La Hoya wells up at his retirement yesterday.

wins coming by knockout. He won titles in the super featherweight, lightweight, light welterweight, welterweight, light middleweight and middleweight divisions. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Game programming an art

ANDREW SZTEIN
for Metro Ottawa

Playing video games is easy; creating them is hard.

That's why schools such as Algonquin College and Carleton University are offering multi-year programs to help turn gamers into creators and shapers of an industry that is currently booming.

"It's a three-year program and we're just about to graduate our second group of graduates," said Tony Davidson, the co-ordinator of the game development program at Algonquin College.

But it is more than just programming and playing games. It involves design, programming languages and physics, and students



Schools are now offering video game development programs.

also learn to design for the Xbox 360 and Windows. Students also learn the inner workings of the Unreal Engine, the graphics software that powers blockbuster titles like Gears of War and BioShock.

Designing and creating games requires both sides of the brain. "There are different challenges depending on which side of the

brain you think you're better with," said Davidson. "If you're good with programming, then the challenge will be learning some of the design theory and concepts, and vice-versa. It's all about opening up your mind to the realization that there's art on both sides."

"Programming is art," he said, adding: "The industry

in Canada is growing by leaps and bounds and there's over 14,000 game-related positions at just the large companies."

Beyond learning their way around a computer, students have to get into the industry, and a great place to start is the International Game Developers Association. With game studios like Fuel Industries popping up in the capital region, a chapter of the association is now located in Ottawa.

"Through the IGDA, students get to know people and get known by people," says Jean-Sylvain Sormany, head of the IGDA in Ottawa and head of the programming division at Fuel. "One of the toughest things when you're fresh out of school is to get contacts."

City seeks health professionals

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After years of emphasizing the need for health professionals, everyone knows there's a shortage.

But it's not just hospitals that need nurses and other health-related professionals — public health departments are often overlooked when it comes to the job search.

The City of Ottawa is currently recruiting public health nurses, public health inspectors and other health professionals, including epidemiologists, nutritionists and dietitians.

"The majority of our technical positions, such as public health nurses, public health inspectors and nutritionists, are hard-to-fill skill sets," said Jamie Jones, program manager,

business practices for the city's public health unit.

"There is a national and even an international shortage for nurses and public health inspectors," said Jones. "There's turnover, of course, but some people are retiring and others are moving on to other opportunities."

Ottawa Public Health, which has 475 full-time equivalent employees, "also has a workforce that is steadily aging," she said. "We have to be proactive and get our face out there."

Ottawa Public Health actively recruits across the country for public health inspectors. Locally, it works closely with the University of Ottawa's nursing programs to build more information about public health practice into the curriculum.

For more information, visit ottawa.ca.

Adobe among best employers

ANDREW SZTEIN
for Metro Ottawa

If you look at the list of the National Capital Region's top 25 employers, you'll see Adobe Systems Canada Inc. right on top.

Granted, it's published in alphabetical order, but a company doesn't make the list unless it has an exceptional track record in employee satisfaction.

According to Walter Pranke, the senior human resources manager for Adobe in Ottawa, there are several reasons why the firm is on the list, including "compensation and benefits that are second to none."

Some of the reasons cited by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers, who publish the local list, are physical workspace and training and skills development, both of which are rated as "exceptional" with Adobe. Work atmosphere and communications, financial benefits and compensation, as well as employee engagement have also been deemed "above average."

In all of the categories, Adobe was given no grade lower than a B+, and five of the eight categories were rated an A or higher.

"I think what Adobe offers is an environment where you are continually

challenged in your work," said Pranke. "You are rewarded and recognized for the impact and contribution that you make to the organization."

Adobe strongly encourages extracurricular charitable activities, and has several incentives for its employees to do so.

"Our employees are encouraged to volunteer during their work days," said Jody Chantler, spokesperson for the Ottawa office. "We have a program called 'match the gift,' where we match any contribution, dollar to dollar up to \$5,000 per employee per year, that an employee contributes."

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Mazda6 a winner

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for Metro Canada



Getting there, as they say, is half the fun.

On a recent family excursion to the Algonquin Park area for a few days vacation, I booked a 2009 Mazda6 GT V6 because it was a double standout last year.

It won its category (Best New Family Car, \$22,000-\$30,000) at the annual Automotive Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) Car of the Year awards. Then it almost took the overall COY title losing by one, single point to the Hyundai Genesis.

The 2009 model is easily the best-looking Mazda6 yet.

From the front fenders back, you can see how the lines in some of Mazda's recent concepts were moulded into the overall structure. An example is a very subtle and elegant "S" curve that flows from the high point of the roof



down and back to the tip of the rear deck.

But the most pronounced feature of the external styling is the way the front fenders flare out like wings, and along with the five-point grille, gives the car the look of a broad arrow. Starting with the RX-8 sportscar then the CX-7 CUV and more recently the 2010 Mazda3, this is now the signature styling cue for the entire model lineup.

The 2009 Mazda6 is larger than the previous version in every dimension. Wheelbase is lengthened by 115 mm; overall length is greater by 195 mm, while overall width is increased

by 60 mm.

Both front and rear occupants benefit from more headroom, shoulder room, and legroom. Cargo capacity has grown by 39 litres to 469 litres. That 10 per cent increase in cargo volume results in a very high trunk deck.

There is a drawback. In creating all that trunk room the high deck lid makes reversing problematic. Ergo, you will have to be very careful when backing up not to hit objects like posts. There is no parking assist audible warning available.

The steering wheel has a nice feel to it and the instruments, with amber and violet display hues, are

easy on the eyes.

Tested here is the GT V6, and my wife, son and I each drove the car and found the power driver's seat could be adjusted for three very different body shapes. The best part is, with three memory settings, all of us could be happy.

One of Mazda's prime objectives was to include "Zoom, Zoom" in the ride and handling. In other words, the 2009 Mazda6 had to have the "soul of a sports car."

What stuck out was the small turning circle, making steering and parking much easier than a lot of other front-drivers.

We all commented on the big brakes that are very solid in actuation that leads to a feel of confidence behind the wheel.

My tester was equipped with the blind spot system that lit up an icon in either mirror each time a car came into the blind spot zone.

iMiEV going global

After months of speculation, Mitsubishi Motors has announced that its pure electric, four-passenger iMiEV will be sold globally, including Canada and the U.S., Canadian Driver reports. The iMiEV will be on Canadian roads as early as November 2009 as part of a pilot project in British Columbia, according to Mitsubishi.

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Across Rockies on a tank of gas

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Canada



"We (used) less than five litres per 100 kilometres, which is about double the fuel efficiency of the average North American fleet."

James Tansey, one of the drivers

Sure, it was an effective way to showcase a fuel-efficient vehicle and an eco-friendly blend of gas, but one big reason why four men drove two cars from Calgary to Vancouver on single tanks of gas was simply to stroke the male ego.

Last year, Halifax Volkswagen dealer Mike Velemirovich drove a Volkswagen TDI more than 1,100 kilometres from Halifax to Montreal to see his favourite hockey team play, the Canadiens.

This year, Calgary Volkswagen dealer Jerry Sturko challenged him to a repeat, but this time from Calgary to Vancouver to catch a Flames-Canucks game.

"I said to him, 'Well, (driving from Halifax to Montreal) is not bad, I guess, but the real test would be to take these TDIs over the Rocky Mountains (from Calgary) to Vancouver,'" said Sturko.

"It kind of grew out of guys being guys, basically, into the idea of doing this on a scale to really test and showcase the vehicles," said James Tansey, one of the four drivers and president of Offsetters, a Vancouver-based company that

works to reduce climate impact.

Along with Vancouver Volkswagen dealer Jim Tompkins, a consultant and a videographer, the group — dressed in hockey and referee jerseys — met in Calgary and piled into two Volkswagen TDIs at 4:30 a.m. on April 7.

Running on a blend of diesel and five per cent biodiesel, the two cars arrived in Vancouver 15 hours later — just in time to see the Canucks defeat the Flames.

"We (used) less than five litres per 100 kilometres, which is about double the fuel efficiency of the average North American fleet," said Tansey, who also emphasized the importance of driving intelligently by not accelerating and breaking hard.

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Here's our guide to the hottest beach bars on the Lisbon coast.

Lisbon is one of the few European capitals that can boast excellent beaches only a 15-minute car ride away. Golden beaches stretch out either side of the River Tagus, the river that flows by Portugal's capital city before joining the sea.

During the day locals come to sunbathe in the dunes, stroll on the beach and lunch al fresco, and by night they let their hair down in the buzzing bars and discos. Now that smoking has been banned in restaurants and bars, Lisbon's party people have even more reason to spend their summer in these open-air playgrounds, with the sea as their backdrop.

ON THE SOUTH BANK: COSTA DA CAPARICA

Delmare Café: Surf and fun

For the past three years Delmare Café has been one of the most popular places to hang out on the Costa da Caparica. During the day this restaurant and bar is a welcoming place for bathers and surfers from the café's surf school looking for a refreshing fruit juice or lunch of salad or fresh, grilled fish. The party moves to the beach in the evening, with DJs and live music late into the night. Fridays and Saturdays are particularly crowded, with an influx of younger customers. (Praia Cabana do Pescador, Costa



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da Caparica, delmare-cafe.com)

Borda D'Água: Juices, milkshakes and loungers

This is one of the hottest destinations on the Costa da Caparica — especially with the Lisbon residents who endure long lines of traffic to get there. Have a sandwich or salad for lunch on the terrace, or move onto their part of the beach where you can relax on a lounger with a caipirinha, morangosca, sangria, natural juices or milkshakes in the shade of a straw umbrella. Borda d'Água becomes especially charming in the early evening, when you can dine on fresh grilled fish as you watch the dazzling sun set into the sea. Enjoy the cool tunes and a drink while you're cradled by the warm breeze. (Praia Morena — Costa da Caparica, bordadagua.com.pt)

ON THE NORTH BANK: CASCAIS

Bar do Guincho: Windsurf

and sangria

Open all year long, the Bar do Guincho is a Cascais hotspot in winter and summer. Guincho beach is a "sanctuary" for windsurf and surf lovers, with refreshing but angry waves from March to October, and the best conditions for windsurfing in July and August. Bar do Guincho is a haven for surfers with a shop, lockers and a large terrace for drinks, dinner and parties with DJs and live music. Sandwiches and toasts are a must, as are the salads and shellfish dishes. Try the house cocktail "Bar do Guincho," with Baileys and Coconut Shake, the caipirinhas and the white and the green wines. (Guincho-Cascais, bardoguincho.pt)

Bafureira: Sushi and caipirinhas

This bar-restaurant on Bafureira beach, S. Pedro do Estoril is famous for its caipirinhas, morangostas and mojitos. You can also enjoy a late dinner of delicious tapas and grilled fish

and shellfish dishes or Japanese food at Sushinalinha, as their kitchens are open until 2 a.m. A fabulous setting for a glass of local wine in the late afternoon with a view over Cascais Bay, the Bafureira has terraces on two floors with

wooden chairs and tables, and chaise-longues with ergonomic mattresses. It is a good spot for thirtysomethings and is easy to get by train, from Lisbon. (Praia da Bafureira, S. Pedro do Estoril, bafureira.net)



Bar do Guincho, open all year long, is a Cascais hotspot.

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Mark Wahlberg and James Franco have just signed on to a new film and they join an impressive group of co-stars. They have been cast in the comedy Date Night, which stars Steve Carell and Tina Fey as a married couple, Variety reports. **MSN.COM**

Entertainment

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As newsrooms slowly die across the country, one journalist is hunting for the killer. Well, a killer. In Russell Crowe's new movie, State of Play, he stars as a grizzled hack dodging bullets to track down a murderer, rekindling our love affair with silver screen ink slingers in the process.

Anne McNeilly, assistant professor of journalism at Ryerson University, thinks movies set in newsrooms are so popular because the work itself is exhilarating.

"As soon as news happens anywhere, you know about it first. 9/11, how exciting was that? A hostage taking downtown, you know about it in a second. It's a buzz."

All the news that's fit to film

Looking to investigate the journalism-on-film genre a little more closely? Here are Metro's suggestions:

- Shattered Glass
- The Killing Fields
- The Paper
- All the President's Men
- Broadcast News
- The Insider
- Absence of Malice
- Good Night and Good Luck
- Salvador
- Wag the Dog
- Blood Diamonds
- Capote
- Citizen Kane
- The China Syndrome
- The Year of Living Dangerously

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McNeilly started in small papers before working 25 years for the Globe & Mail and Ottawa Citizen. It was movies like All the President's Men that drew her to newspapers.

"Journalists get hooked on that adrenaline rush, because it's like a drug. You get so addicted you can't leave the biz," she explains. That excitement translates

to the viewer.

"I love movies about newsrooms," she says, citing His Girl Friday and Deadline USA as favourites.

"What's so unnerving (at Ryerson) is that lots of the students now have never heard of Woodward and Bernstein. They don't even know what Watergate is," she says. "They brought down a president! What's a

Movie feature

bigger story than that?"

While her students retain some of the idealism of previous generations, they are already jaded and prefer a different kind of fictional news hound. "They like Jon Stewart or Rick Mercer. Some of them think what they are doing is journalism."

Richard Crouse, Metro's movie columnist, cites All the President's Men and another Crowe movie, The Insider, as great examples of the genre.

"The reporters in these films act as surrogates for the viewer. They ask the questions the viewer would ask," he explains. "You've got newspapers who are bringing down big, evil corporations or taking on city



Russell Crowe and Rachel McAdams star in State of Play, a political thriller about a rising politician and an investigative journalist embroiled in a case of seemingly unrelated murders.

hall and winning. It really appeals to people."

Crouse highlights Billy Wilder's 1951 movie Ace in the Hole as a newsroom flick that got too close to the truth. Kirk Douglas plays an out-of-luck journalist who risks lives to stretch a news story that

could save his career in Wilder's follow up to Sunset Boulevard.

"It's a terrific movie, but it bombed really badly," he says. "Movie historians think the journalists who were reviewing the film were so offended by it that they trashed it."

Friends unveil Walk of Fame star for late Beatle George Harrison

Former Beatle George Harrison received a posthumous star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame yesterday, with a little help from such friends as Paul McCartney, Eric Idle and Tom Hanks.

As about one thousand fans looked on, Harrison's star was unveiled outside the landmark Capitol Records tower by his Los Angeles-born widow Olivia and 30-year-old son Dhani.

"He was a beautiful, mystical man living in a material world, and he was as funny as the day is long, and just as perplexing," Olivia said. "George, this day is for you."

Added Hanks, "All things must pass, sure. But George is going to live forever."

Harrison died of cancer in 2001, aged 58. Idle, a member of the Monty Python comedy troupe, noted that Harrison actually drew his last breath in McCartney's Los Angeles home, "and it's one of the reasons I won't go and stay with John Cleese."

McCartney did not speak to the crowd, but instead rubbed Olivia Harrison's shoulders, joked with Dhani and waved to fans.

Other guests included Jeff Lynne and Tom Petty,



Paul McCartney, left, talks with Olivia Harrison at a ceremony where George Harrison is honoured posthumously with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles.

who played with Harrison in the Traveling Wilburys, Eagles guitarist Joe Walsh, producer T-Bone Burnett, and Olivia's sister Linda Arias.

Security was unusually intense, a likely result of both the murder of John Lennon in 1980 and the 1999 attack on the Harrisons in their English home by a knife-wielding intruder. Even at the VIP luncheon afterward in the Capitol recording studio, the Harrisons were closely shadowed by a team of security guards.

Capitol, which paid \$25,000 US to the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce for the star, said it would release a hits collection spanning Harrison's solo career on June 16.

Let It Roll: Songs By George Harrison will feature such tunes as My Sweet Lord and Got My Mind Set On You, as well as live versions of Beatle-era tunes Something and Here Comes the Sun from Harrison's all-star Concert for Bangladesh concert in 1971.

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Lost's Holloway welcomes daughter

Lost heartthrob Josh Holloway and wife Yessica welcomed a daughter on April 9 in Oahu, People has exclusively confirmed. They named their baby girl Java Kumala Holloway. PEOPLE.COM

Fong emerges a winner

Designer admits early struggles on Project Runway Canada

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for Metro Canada

With consistency, creativity and skill, Toronto designer Sunny Fong followed his instincts to emerge victorious on last night's Project Runway Canada finale.

Fong's win came as little surprise to viewers or his competitors as the 32-year-old designer had racked up the most challenge wins and garnered frequent praise from the judges throughout the competition.

Despite his talent, Fong says he struggled early on to find confidence in his work.

"My biggest challenge initially was believing in what I did. I had to get over that first, after that I learned to trust my own instincts," Fong said.

In the early stages of the competition, Fong figured he would stick to simple designs to stay under the radar as much as possible,



Project Runway Canada winner Sunny Fong.

"A few episodes in, I realized safe wasn't going to be good enough."

Sunny Fong, designer

While the time constraints to produce garments on the show were extreme, Fong says he thinks the challenge really brought the best out of designers.

"Working under pressure is sort of my thing. The whole rushed, mad dash to get everything done is always the case with fashion. I think it really shows who is confident and ready to win," Fong said.

Fong started his own clothing line, named Vawk, in 2003 but closed it after just two years because he ran out of money. Before winning he had said if he didn't win he would probably give up on fashion forever.

Now with his win of

\$100,000 and a retail mentorship at Winners, Fong hopes to use all the experience he has gained from Project Runway Canada to restart his brand and keep it afloat this time around.

"I'm hoping to get my line really stable and make sure it doesn't shut down again. I don't want to rush it," he said.

He has no secrets as to how he finds inspiration, although he says he gets plenty of ideas from hanging around the house.

"I get inspired from the things I see. Home decorating and interior design really inspires me because it's a lifestyle," Fong said.

During the competition, Fong had said the one thing he hoped for more than winning was to hear his mother say she was proud of him. He got his wish just before his final collection got revealed at Toronto's LG Fashion Week.

"She told me that before I even won. It was a great feeling," he said.

Boston station reverses stance on new Leno show

NBC's rebel Boston affiliate will carry the network's new Jay Leno primetime talk show after all.

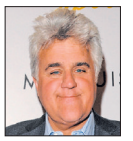
A week after WHDH-TV owner Ed Ansin started a firestorm by announcing his plans not to air the show because it "will be very adverse to our finances," he changed his mind.

"Upon further consideration, we have decided to telecast Jay Leno at 10 p.m. starting in September," Ansin said in a statement. "Jay is from Andover, where I went to school. I enjoy his humor. We hope the new show is a big success."

WHDH announced it would air a local newscast at 10 p.m., threatening to remove a top affiliate

from NBC's fall prime-time plans. NBC responded harshly, threatening to strip the station of its affiliation and warning of legal action. In addition, the station was received boycott threats from local Leno fans.

The network was conciliatory in its tone Monday. "We are very pleased that WHDH will carry Jay Leno's new primetime comedy show," said John Eck, president of NBC TV Network. "We look forward to working closely with the station on a successful launch in Boston of this show."



Jay Leno

REUTERS

Entertainment in brief

TV SERIES Showtime has renewed The Tudors for a fourth and final season. The pickup consists of 10 episodes that Showtime says will dramatize King Henry VIII's last two tumultuous marriages.

FILM Popular young adult novel The Heartbreakers is being turned into a movie called Rules of Dating for Teenage Girls. United Artists has acquired rights to the material.

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The Jon Dore Television Show

Just say no, kids, and don't try this at home. Actually, kids should just say no to this show altogether; between the subject matter and the language, it's definitely adult fare. In the season finale, after helping the police bust a pot smoker and then learning his neighbor uses marijuana for medicinal purposes, Jon is confused about drugs, why some are illegal and some aren't. He decides to educate himself by trying them. All of them. At once. 10 PM on 46 COM



NHL Hockey

Winter has turned to spring in most corners of the country except NHL fandom, where the season of ice extends into June with the onset of sports' most grueling and exciting postseason, the Stanley Cup playoffs. TSN kicks things off tonight with a conference quarterfinal contest, then splits coverage of the first three rounds with CBC Television. CBC will have exclusive coverage of the Stanley Cup Finals. 7 PM on 30 TSN



Actor Jason Priestley and his makeup artist wife Naomi Lowde are expecting their second child, his publicist told usmagazine.com. He and Lowde, who was sporting what looked like a baby bump, were spotted shopping over the weekend. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Priestley kid No. 2 on the way

Celebrity Buzz

Lindsay copes post-breakup

PEOPLE Lindsay Lohan has celebrated her split from DJ lover Samantha Ronson with a new tattoo. The actress has had a famous line uttered by tragic Hollywood icon Marilyn Monroe inked on her wrist, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The phrase "Everyone's a star and deserves the right to twinkle" is surrounded by yellow, blue and green stars.

Lohan has been a longtime fan of the movie great — she recreated Monroe's famous nude



1962 photo shoot for New York magazine last year.

Lohan may have had her share of problems, but she hasn't lost the ability to laugh at herself, people.com adds. In a new video posted at funnyordie.com, she parodies the ubiquitous ads for the dating service eHarmony.

"Hi, My name is Lindsay, and I'm looking for love. I'm recently single ... I think," she says, referring to her recent split with Samantha Ronson. "I'm looking for someone I can

spend the rest of my life with ... or at least the rest of my probation."

Lohan also references her DUI arrests by referring to herself as "a workaholic, a shopaholic, and, according to the state of California, an alcoholic."

In the video, she asks potential suitors if they can handle a "redhead with a little bit of sass, and by that I mean a redhead that's crazy," before rolling her eyes and saying, "Don't pretend like you don't know me. We've all read about it."

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Zac's fan bribing

PEOPLE Zac Efron uses posters of himself as bribes, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 17 Again actor always keeps memorabilia of his films in the trunk of his car to help him get out of difficult situations.

"I've kind of got it figured out. I just pull in to the lot at the movie studio and photographers can't follow me," he said.

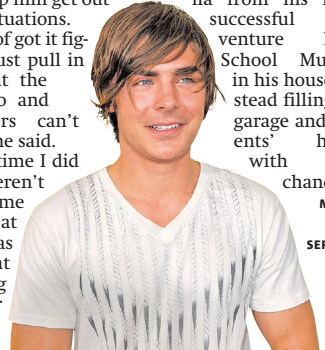
"The first time I did it, they weren't going to let me in. The guy at the gate was like, 'What are you going to do for me?' I said,

'What do you want me to do?' He's like, 'I got kids.' And I was like, 'Well, I got a poster in the trunk.'"

Efron also added he hates to keep paraphernalia from his most successful film venture.

High School Musical in his house, instead filling his garage and parents' home with merchandise.

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Scientology school for Suri?

PEOPLE The Daily Mail is reporting that Suri Cruise is getting ready to start Scientology school soon after her upcoming third birthday, and will be attending the New Village Academy in Los Angeles, founded by Will Smith.

"(Mom) Katie (Holmes) is understandably a little anxious about being separated from Suri," a source tells the paper. But according to the school, she doesn't have to worry. "It's not accurate information," a rep tells radaronline.com.

"Students start at age four and above."

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Mel's monster divorce?

DIVORCE Mel Gibson may soon be writing one of the biggest checks of his life — to his wife, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

With no indication that the estranged couple — who married 28 years ago — had a pre-nup, Robyn Gibson, 53, is legally entitled in their divorce to half of everything the actor-director-producer earned from their marriage in 1980 to the date of their legal separation: A fortune estimated at close to \$1 billion US.

"This could easily be one of the biggest divorce settlements in Hollywood history," says Los Angeles family lawyer Lynn Soodik, who's not involved with the case. "Any attorney would advise her to take half."

A \$500-million settle-

ment would dwarf the current record holders of celebrity divorce: Michael Jordan ponied up \$168 million following his 2006 divorce with wife Juanita; Neil Diamond forked over \$150 million after his 1994 split with Marcia Murphey;

Steven Spielberg shelled out \$100 million following his 1989 divorce from Amy Irving.

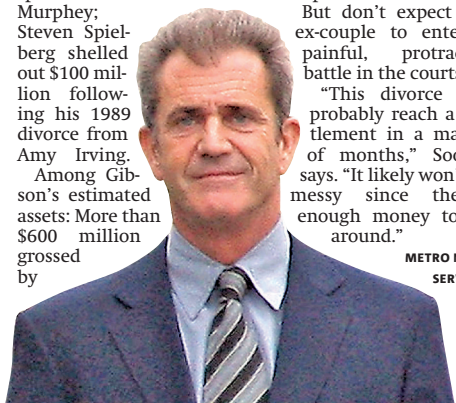
Among Gibson's estimated assets: More than \$600 million grossed by

The Passion of the Christ alone, \$100 million-plus in real estate investments worldwide (he bought an island in Fiji for \$15 million in 2004), and \$75 million for film and TV projects for which Gibson executive produced.

But don't expect the ex-couple to enter a painful, protracted battle in the courts.

"This divorce will probably reach a settlement in a matter of months," Soodik says. "It likely won't be messy since there's enough money to go around."

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Who's Miley?: Jamie

PEOPLE Actor Jamie Foxx had some choice words for Miley Cyrus on his weekend Sirius radio show The Foxxhole, people.com reports. When the on-air conversation veered toward the 16-year-old pop star, Foxx, 41, asked: "Who is Miley Cyrus?"

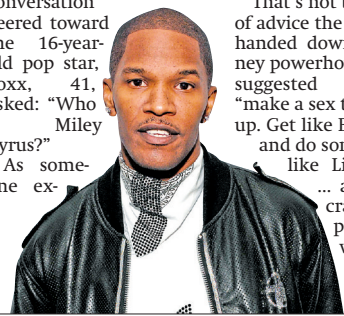
As someone ex-

plained Cyrus is the star of the popular Hannah Montana franchise, Foxx quipped, "The one with all the gums? She's got to get a gum transplant!"

That's not the only piece of advice the Oscar winner handed down to the Disney powerhouse. Foxx also suggested that Cyrus "make a sex tape and grow up. Get like Britney Spears and do some heroin. Do

like Lindsay Lohan ... and get some crack in your pipe ... That's what I want."

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New girl for Chris?

RUMOUR Chris Brown doesn't have a new girlfriend, usmagazine.com reports.

The 19-year-old singer was spotted Saturday with Girlicious singer Natalie Mejia (and another man) at West Hollywood's Tattoo Mania, where Brown has been inked before.

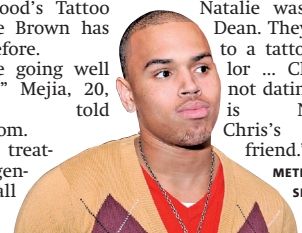
"Things are going well between us..." Mejia, 20, coyly told radaronline.com. "(Brown) has treated me like a gentleman at all times."

But reports that Mejia is Chris's new girlfriend are false, his rep tells usmagazine.com.

Says the rep, "Chris left the recording studio with a songwriter named Dean.

Natalie was with Dean. They went to a tattoo parlor ... Chris is not dating, nor is Natalie Chris's girlfriend."

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I was too peach, not pregnant: Mimi

PEOPLE Mariah Carey insists she is not pregnant: She was just wearing a bad outfit, usmagazine.com reports.

On Easter Sunday, Carey was photographed in a tight, peach dress with husband Nick Cannon. Blogs soon began speculating that she was pregnant.



"I don't know what was worse, the bleak angles and bright peach dress ... or the b.s. commentary/blogs," she says (via Twitter).

Although "Nick looked cute" in the photos, she says she "could've definitely lived without" seeing the pictures. (She also admits that her "dress and

hair" were not suitable for the "red carpet.")

Her rep also shot down pregnancy rumours. Asked about media reports that she and Cannon spent Easter Sunday at a fertility clinic, her rep tells Us: "No, not true. Nick and Mariah spent Easter Sunday with family in southern California."

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J.J. SAID IT WOULD!

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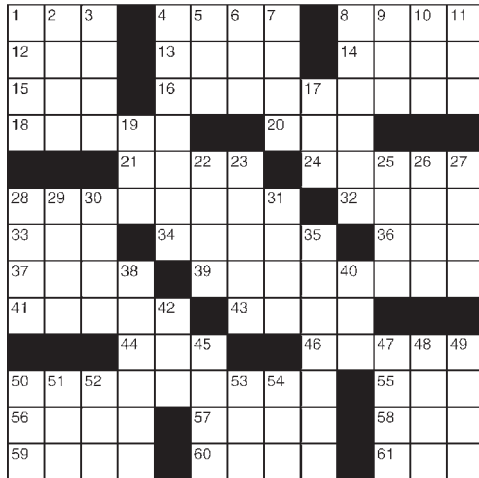
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Crossword across

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| 4 Harvest | 37 "Zounds!" |
| 8 "The Amazing —" | 39 Pretend to be |
| 12 Clumsy sort | 41 Decorator's theme |
| 13 Beige | 43 Ice cream holder |
| 14 Vivacity | 44 Jungfrau, for one |
| 15 "CSI" evidence | 46 Dutch cheese |
| 16 Claim | 50 Specify as a condition |
| 18 Match | 55 Rep. or Dem. |
| 20 Attempt | 56 Aching |
| 21 Church service | 57 Bread spread |
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| 1 Last few notes | vessel | Buscaglia |
| 2 Hunger symptom | 19 Ostrich's kin | 42 Winter ailment |
| 3 Somewhere out there | 22 Anatomical | 45 Sit down heavily |
| 4 Undoes an amendment | pouches | 47 "Once — a time" |
| 5 Green, in a sense | 23 Unemotional | 48 Nitwit |
| 6 Esses' precursors | 25 Albatross, e.g. | 49 Choir member |
| 7 Short shot | 26 Tend texts | 50 Away from NNE |
| 8 Trust | 27 Drop a line? | 51 Pirouette pivot |
| 9 Carte lead-in | 28 Abound | 52 Savings-plan acronym |
| 10 Tabby | 29 Jason's ship | 53 Hearty quaff |
| 11 Chemical | 30 Tempo | 54 Placekicker's prop |
| 17 Coffee shop | 31 Ticklish | |
| | Muppet | |
| | 35 Castle's jail cell | |
| | 38 Nappy | |
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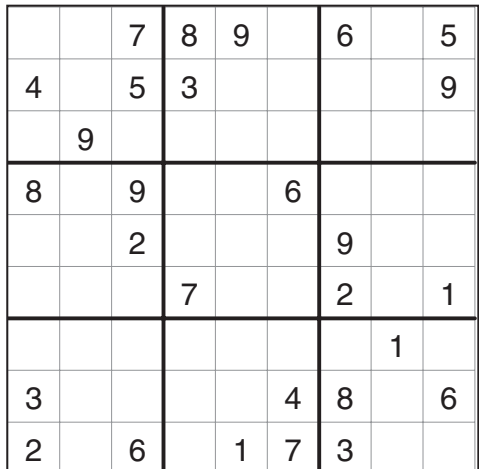
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 minSmart
Under 13 minGenius	21-25 minNot bad
13-17 minScholar	25+ minKeep practising

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Metro Recipe of the Day



Steak and Onions

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
- 5 large onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) sugar
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) orange zest
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) oregano
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) black pepper
- 1 lb (500 g) well-trimmed boneless beef top round, cut about 2 in. (5 cm) thick
- 1 tsp (5 ml) garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add onions and sugar, and cook, stirring occasionally, until onions begin to brown, 20 minutes.

2. Add vinegar, orange zest, orange juice, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) oregano, 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt, and black pepper. Cook until onions are wilted and glazed, 5 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, preheat broiler. Rub beef with remaining 1/4 tsp (1 ml) oregano, 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Broil beef 4 in. (10 cm) from heat until medium, 5 minutes per side. Let rest 5 minutes before cutting into thin slices. Serve with mashed potatoes and broccoli.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

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| <p>ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20 ♈</p> <p>A blockade leads to victory. Be alert when politics are an eye-opener. Diligence will help you avoid offensive remarks.</p> | <p>TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21 ♉</p> <p>Grim people are causing irritation. Greater damage is done by work issues. Try on a new role as a "mover and shaker."</p> | <p>GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21 ♊</p> <p>A stranger's motives are ambiguous. An authority figure has no time to focus. A non-stop talker is finally silenced by common sense.</p> | <p>CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22 ♋</p> <p>A kind woman makes sure you're happy. Irrational anger continues to vex. A love story must be shared.</p> | <p>LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23 ♌</p> <p>Explain your haste to avoid hurt feelings. Internet contacts expose a weakness in a plan. Plumbing problems become amusing.</p> | <p>VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22 ♍</p> <p>Your hands may be tied by someone's exhaustion. Be honest when discussing a crisis. A self-righteous friend disputes a duty.</p> |
| <p>LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23 ♎</p> <p>Uncertainty about income makes you work harder. Hang around with unconventional people. Refuse to put a damper on love.</p> | <p>SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22 ♏</p> <p>A colleague saves you from anxiety. Fresh theories about a cherished venture won't alter reality. A man is anxiously waiting for strength to return.</p> | <p>SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21 ♐</p> <p>A catastrophic conversation has a friend in turmoil. Get smart and build your field of dreams. Don't provoke a quarrel at home.</p> | <p>CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20 ♑</p> <p>Take statements about opportunities with a grain of salt. Let others be responsible for making corrections. A petty tyrant is moody.</p> | <p>AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18 ♒</p> <p>Friends make you consider a change. A down-to-earth woman has a health issue. A visitor anticipates a good decision.</p> | <p>PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20 ♓</p> <p>A shocking event makes you unsure about your next step. Get support by flushing out feelings of inadequacy. Prepare for dramatic events.</p> |

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